

TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 19, 2006

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, June 19, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President John L. Knochel, Vice President Ruth E. Shedd, and Member KD Benson. Also present were: Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr.

President Knochel called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the Minutes of the May 24, 2006 Poor Relief Hearing and the June 5, 2006 Regular Meeting as distributed, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

- Upon the recommendation of Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston, Commissioner Benson moved to approve the Accounts Payable Vouchers with no exceptions, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

RELAY FOR LIFE PROCLAMATION: Shirley Mennen, American Cancer Society Representative

Ms Mennen thanked the Commissioners for bringing the Relay for Life to light in the County and noted the three Commissioners are a perfect example that Cancer affects one out of every three people. She said they appreciate that the County has a team in this year's relay and hope to see many County residents at Jefferson field.

The Commissioners read the Proclamation:

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Relay For Life Proclamation

Whereas:

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service; and

Whereas:

By these efforts the overall, age-adjusted cancer mortality rate is declining for the first time in human history and will continue to do so; and

Whereas:

Relay For Life is the national signature event of the American Cancer Society and has raised more than \$306 million dollars in funds raised since the first Relay For Life held in 1985; and

Whereas:

The Relay For Life is unique in this community in that it blends fundraising, cancer awareness and prevention activities, fellowship and support for cancer survivor; and

Whereas:

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Tippecanoe County will hold its 12th annual event on June 23rd – 24th with the goals of raising more than \$216,000.00, honoring more than 200 cancer survivors and bringing together more than 3000 community members to participate; and

Whereas:

Relay For Life is about being a community that takes up the fight against cancer; and

Whereas:

There is no finish line until we find a cure.

Now Therefore,

We the Commissioners, do hereby proclaim that Tippecanoe County is an official “Relay For Life County,” and further be it resolved that the month of June be designated for Relay For Life month in Tippecanoe County as we join the American Cancer Society in the fight against cancer.

So Proclaimed this 19th day of June 2006

John L. Knochel

Ruth E. Shedd

KD Benson

(unquote)

Commissioner Benson thanked Ms Mennen for all her work as the local chairman.

HIGHWAY: Executive Director Opal Kuhl

Award Bid: 2006 Culvert Replacement

After review by the consultant, Kline & Associates, Ms Kuhl recommended awarding the bid to Milestone Contractors, L.P. with the low bid of \$1,609,355.85.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to award the 2006 Culvert Replace Bid and Contract to Milestone Contractors, L.P., seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Ordinance 2006-11-CM: Altering Traffic Controls at Intersections

Ordinance 2006-11-CM will appear in its entirety in the Ordinance and Resolution Book in the County Auditor’s Office.

Ms Kuhl reported that, in conformance with the warrants and guidance outlined in the Indiana Manual on Traffic Control Devices, the Highway Department’s Traffic Supervisor Mike Parks is recommending the following traffic signage changes:

- Installation of a 30” High Intensity Stop sign on 575 E at 430 S
- Replacement of the existing Yield sign with a 30” High Intensity Stop sign on 430 S at Newcastle Road
- Replacement of the existing Yield sign with a 30” High Intensity Stop sign on 800 E at Wyandotte Road

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve Ordinance 2006-11-CM on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Benson.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

John Knochel	Yes
Ruth Shedd	Yes
KD Benson	Yes

- The motion to approve Ordinance 2006-11-CM passed 3 – 0 on first reading.

Resolution 2006-19-CM: Resolution and Declaration of Intent to Finance the Truck Mounted Paint Striping Machine

Resolution 2006-19-CM will appear in its entirety in the ordinance and Resolution Book in the County Auditor's Office.

Attorney Luhman explained that this Resolution authorizes financing of a three (3) year lease agreement in the amount of \$129,290 and 6% interest with Chase Bank for a Truck Mounted Paint Striping Machine. The Resolution authorizes the President and Vice President to sign the documents.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve Resolution 2006-19-CM and authorize the President and Vice President of the Board of Commissioners to sign the documents, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Construction Maintenance Bond #5020805: Fox Contractors Corp.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to accept Three (3) year Construction Maintenance Bond #5020805 in the amount of \$5,000 for Fox Contractors Corp. for work in the County Right-of-Ways, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

2007 NEW POSITION RECOMMENDATIONS (Refer to 5/15/2006 Minutes)

At the May 15th meeting, the Commissioners heard presentations regarding new position requests for 2007 from the Highway Department, the Sheriff, the Public Defender, and the Prosecutor. Commissioner Shedd asked to hear the Sheriff's requests again.

Major Tracy Brown listed the Sheriff's requests in order or priority:

1. Maintenance Technician: Although the recent expansion of the Jail nearly doubled the footprint of the building, the Maintenance Staff did not increase. He said they are responsible for maintaining equipment that is now out of warranty. This position was created by the Commissioners in 2003 but was not funded by the Council.
2. Transportation Officer (1) (New): The number of Transportation Officers is driven by the number of individuals in custody. They currently have four (4) Transportation Officers.
3. Nurse (New): This is driven by the number of individuals in custody.
4. Corrections Officers (4)
5. 911 PC Technician – WITHDRAWN due to 911 revenue issues. They will try to collaborate with the MITS' Department.
6. Deputies (2): Funding for these positions was cut in 2003. They would like to make their case to the Council for filling at least one of these positions.

President Knochel commented it was known when the Jail was expanded that another Maintenance person would be needed. He said he feels the Council should be asked to fund the Maintenance position and also feels another Transportation Office is warranted.

Commissioner Benson asked if a position is still on the books if it is created but unfunded. Auditor Plantenga responded he would like to see the position created again if it has never been funded because it would make it clearer for the Auditor's Office. Commissioner Benson asked if it would be sufficient to state for the record that the Commissioners would like the Sheriff's Maintenance position carried forward even if it is not funded. Auditor Plantenga stated it would.

Commissioner Shedd asked if the Auditor is suggesting they do this only for the Sheriff's Department because there are other departments that have unfunded positions. Auditor Plantenga said it will make it clearer to create the position again even if the position was created years ago but has not been funded in recent years. Commissioner Shedd said this would cause departments to initiate the entire process, but Auditor Plantenga said that wouldn't be the case if they had another position that is the same. Commissioner Shedd said she is not in favor of removing the unfunded positions at this point.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve for 2007 the positions of Highway Mechanic, contingent on receiving savings information from the Maintenance Director, Maintenance Technician and Transportation Officer for the Sheriff, four Part-time Attorneys for the Public Defender to fulfill the phase in requirement for State reimbursement, Deputy Prosecutor, funded by a grant with the stipulation that the position will go away if the grant is terminated, Floating Court Reporter for Ancillary, Benefits Manager for Human Resources, Maintenance Custodian and Night QMA for the Villa, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

CONTRACT: Indiana State Board of Animal Health

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the Contract with the Indiana State Board of Animal Health to test Tippecanoe County cattle for Bovine Brucellosis and Tuberculosis and to set aside \$1,000 in the 2007 Budget for this purpose, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2006-18-CM: Establishing Villa Donations Fund: Mary Pender, Assistant to Villa Director

Attorney Luhman read Resolution 2006-18-CM that will appear in its entirety in the Ordinance and Resolution Book in the County Auditor's Office.

Ms Pender, presented a check received from the SIA Foundation in the amount of \$2,360 to purchase medical equipment.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve Resolution 2006-18-CM that establishes the Villa Donations Fund, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Commissioner Benson expressed the County's thanks to the SIA Foundation for the generous donation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Benson asked Auditor Plantenga if the restitution money for the County's barn that was destroyed in an arson fire should be deposited in Auditor's Trust. He said that is permissible as long as it is eventually moved out. Attorney Luhman advised it should be deposited into the General Fund, the source of the money used to build the barn.

REPORTS

The Calendar of Events for Cary Home and reports from Tippecanoe County Library, Tippecanoe Villa, and Veterans Affairs are on file in the Commissioners' Office for review.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Shedd moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE**

John L. Knochel, President

Ruth E. Shedd, Vice President

KD Benson, Member

ATTEST:

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor